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## WILLIAMS NAVAL RECRUITS NOW TOTAL 11

Naval Recruiting Officer, Sieckman, spent Monday and the forenoon of Tuesday in Williams, receiving recruits for the navy and dispensing information regarding the duties and opportunities offered by navy enlistment. Some twelve prospective recruits interviewed the officer while here, and out of that number, two signed up and three expressed their intention of enlisting upon their return to Albuquerque.

John Klock and "Curley" Owens were the two Williams boys to recruit under officer Sieckman, and both boys left for El Paso on No. 22 Tuesday morning.

Messrs Martin, J. H. Till and Sullivan, all Santa Fe machinists, interviewed officer Sieckman and expressed their intention of enlisting. They are in Williams only temporarily, being engaged at the round-house and expect to return to their homes in Albuquerque and to enlist from that point.

Forest Rounseville, Charley Matz, Claude Melick, LeRoy Reinhardt, Henry Johnson and "Tanny" Wolfe are among the other boys who have contemplated enlisting in the navy but are still undecided.

The total number of naval recruits from Williams, now, is seven, as follows:

Walter Finney  
Campbell Wolfe  
Robert Ross  
James Ross  
Jimmie Matz  
John Klock  
Lawrence (Curley) Owens

The ages for enlistment in the navy are from 17 to 35. Recruiting Officer Sieckman will be in Williams again Saturday morning, May 12, on his way back to his offices in Prescott.

## GEORGE KIMBALL NOW CAPTAIN OF GUARDS

Last Sunday morning, Geo. Kimball was appointed Captain of the Home Guards, by Commander Baumann, the Guards unanimously concurring in the appointment. Mr. Kimball succeeds L. W. Rollins who has resigned because of his intention of going to California where he will probably enlist in his old company in the army.

Captain George Kimball has demonstrated his ability to fill his new office, while serving as Sergeant. The Guards have full confidence in him as a commander.

## NOTICE OF RECEPTION OF BIDS

The Town Council will receive bids for the construction of cement crossings, according to specifications on file in the Town Clerk's Office. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A bond or certified check for fifty per cent of the amount bid for each crossing must accompany each bid.

J. W. LEE,  
Town Clerk

## GREAT CROP SHORTAGE OVER UNITED STATES

The May 1st crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture, is far from a promising one. The most serious shortage forecasted is that of winter wheat. The forecast for the present year is 366,000,000 bushels. The crop last year exceeded 481,000,000 bu. and the average for the period from 1910 to 1914 is 494,650,000 bushels. This makes the shortage for the present year run close to 130,000,000 bu.

Spring plowing and planting the country over, are just a little better than the average.

### Prices

The first price given below is the average on May 1st this year, and the second, the average on May 1st last year.

Wheat, 245.9 and 102.5 cents, per bushel. Corn, 150.6 and 72.3 cents. Oats, 71.0 and 42.6 cents. Potatoes, 279.6 and 94.8 cents. Hay, \$14.40 and \$12.22 per ton. Cotton, 18.9 and 11.5 cents per pound. Eggs, 30.0 and 18.1 cents per dozen.

### Afternoon Prayer Meetings

A series of afternoon prayer meetings will be held during the coming week, from 2:30 to 3 as follows: Thursday, with Mrs. Hansen on 4th St., Friday, with Mrs. Montgomery on 4th and Sheridan; Monday with Mrs. Archie Johnson; Tuesday, with Mrs. Chas. Button; Wednesday, with Mrs. Carlson; Thursday, with Mrs. Phillips; Friday with Mrs. Weaver.

The band boys and camp-fire girls will give a dance May 26, at the Sultana Theatre. They will serve refreshments of ice cream and cake at 15c a dish. Admission \$1.

## SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT DRAWS GOOD AUDIENCE

A large and appreciative audience greeted the pupils of Miss Frances Barbour, of the Primary grade when they presented an interesting program at the school auditorium on last Friday night. From the Flag salute on through the entire program, the numbers were well rendered and showed careful training. The story of Mother Goose was well acted and the little folks in their quaint costumes finished the play in a pretty drill. The May pole dance was another attractive feature of the evening's entertainment. All the special numbers were well rendered and the patriotic music by the school orchestra brought prolonged applause. This was the first public appearance of many of the little folks and no doubt many of them could truthfully say "The first time I stepped upon the stage my heart went pit a pat" but nevertheless they all did well. Miss Barbour has proven herself a very capable and enthusiastic teacher and the many patrons are glad to know we will have her with us another year. A neat sum was cleared which will be donated to the local Red Cross fund.

Leslie Platten was in Williams this week.

## COUNTY SUPERVISORS OFFER \$160 IN PRIZES

This country is now at war, and we must divide the food we grow this year with our allies and with the neutral countries which are not self sustaining. Not only must we supply these people with enough food to keep them from starving, but enough to cover the heavy losses at sea which result from submarine warfare, and to sustain ourselves.

This is an emergency that must be met. There is no time to waste, and spontaneous action from every boy and girl in the United States added to the great work our government is doing to help the farmers to grow larger crops, will keep hunger from hundreds of millions of people.

Therefore in order to do our share in stimulating the food supply of the United States and provide a permanent record of faithful and intelligent service in response to the call of the President of the United States for boy and girl volunteers "Soldiers of the Commissary" to plant and tend home garden plots, the Board of Supervisors of Coconino county offers the following prizes both in Flagstaff and Williams to boys and girls between the ages of nine and 16 years:

\$15.00 as first prize,  
\$10.00 as second prize,  
\$5.00 as third prize,

for the best garden of vegetables of a variety that can be grown and matured in Coconino county. Entries for the contest may be filed with F. O. Allen, County Immigration Commissioner, before July 1st and contest will be closed Sept. 1st.

### Potato Contest

To anyone in Coconino county who will raise the best acre of potatoes, the Board of Supervisors will offer

\$50.00 as first prize,  
\$30.00 as second prize,  
\$20.00 as third prize,

the entries to close July 1st and the contest to close Oct. 25. Entries can be made to F. O. Allen County Immigration Commissioner. Rules governing the contest will be published later.

Mrs. May McCoy has been suffering this week from an attack of heart trouble.

## FOR A ROUSING FOURTH CELEBRATION IN FLAGSTAFF

Flagstaff, Arizona, May 9—Thanks to the keen spirit of patriotism rife among the members of the Flagstaff Elks lodge Northern Arizona is to have a stirring celebration on the third and 4th of July. The Elks are to be commended for this movement. Civic organizations here and in all towns of Northern Arizona, are invited to take up the proposition and arrange to attend this occasion which will give vent to patriotic fervor of the people. No doubt there will be prompt and enthusiastic response to the Elks appeal.

By the fourth of July the nation will be in the midst of raising a great army that is to fight the war to a triumphal conclusion. The very air will be surcharged with patriotism. Arizona in general and Flagstaff in particular will be in an intensive patriotic mood. A rousing observance of the day at Flagstaff with neighbor towns participating, will be pleasurable and will impress all—particularly the young—with the earnestness and solidarity of the American people in this national crisis. Let's all assist in whatever way we may, to make the celebration a patriotic success.

## L. W. ROLLINS MAY ENLIST AGAIN IN CAL.

L. W. Rollins formerly proprietor of the Sultana Barber shop, has disposed of the shop to Virgil Merritt, and will start soon for California. Mr. Rollins expects to make the trip to California in his machine. He will wait for clear weather before starting on the trip. In the meantime, he expects to spend part of the time in Flagstaff.

It is Mr. Rollins' intention after reaching California, to apply to the commander of his old company for reenlistment in the army in that company. Like most of those who have once marched under Old Glory, he longs to get back to the colors in his country's need.

Mr. Rollins has made an excellent citizen in Williams and all regret that he is to leave.

Tempe milk dealers have raised the price of milk to ten cents per quart, six cents a pint.

## BIG CROWD TO SEE RECRUITS LEAVE ON 7

Several hundred Williams people met No. 7 Monday night to see the new recruits from Flagstaff and Williams on their way. There were twenty-three in the party from Flagstaff, and Enfred Johnson, from Williams joined the party here.

All of the twenty-four recruits were for the Arizona 1st. They were quartered in a special Pullman sleeper, enroute for Phoenix. From Phoenix they will go to Naco.

The large turn-out at the depot, to see the boys off, was largely due to the high esteem in which Enfred Johnson, the Williams recruit who joined the party is held. No cleaner and more upright young man, than Enfred Johnson is to be found in any community, and the people of Williams were anxious to give expression to the high regard in which he is held.

But not only was the Williams recruit who joined the party Monday night, a fine young man, the entire company was of a fine, clean and upright type, that speaks well for Arizona. In fact, Arizona's contribution to the colors, taken as a whole, represents a high type of manhood that cannot be excelled by any other state.

## SEE SEN. CAMPBELL ABOUT THAT SEED

Anyone in need of seed potatoes, oats or other farm seed, for this year's planting, should confer with Sen. Campbell who is scheduled to be in Williams Friday, May 11. Mr. Campbell is a member of the State Council of Defense and his visit to Williams is in the fulfillment of his duties as a member of that committee. He wishes to learn how much and what kind of seed is needed by the farmers in the districts about Williams, and will take necessary action at once to secure the needed seed for the farmers. It is of grave importance that every acre of tillable soil be planted.

### A REQUEST OF THE LADIES

The Commander of the Home Guards requests that the ladies of the town, and others who are planning to give dances in the future, arrange to give the dances on Friday nights in order not to interfere with the drilling of the Guards early on Sunday mornings.

Indications are that General Pershing will be placed in command of the American contingent in France. A better man has not yet shown himself.

### DON'T FORGET—

Bishop Leonard and Efficiency Team, Friday evening, May 18 and Saturday evening May 19.

Bishop Leonard will speak Saturday evening.

Mrs. C. G. Meyers of Los Angeles, has been spending the week in Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers formerly resided in this section, he at the time being in the employ of the Santa Fe as telegraph operator.

## WESTERN COCONINO IN NEED OF FARM SEEDS

Potatoes and Oats Most in Demand—Efforts Being Made to Secure Several Car Loads

The Western part of Coconino county, including the farming districts of Garland Prairie, Pittman Valley, and Red Lake Valley, must receive a good supply of potatoes, oats and other farm grains for seed, at once, if a full acreage is to be planted this season. Garland Prairie is, perhaps, most seriously in need of seed for planting. It is estimated that not more than one third of the possible acreage there will be planted this season unless seed is secured very shortly. Potatoes and Oats, in particular, are in great demand.

As early as two weeks ago, the Williams Development Association sent a message to Sen. Ashurst on this point. Last Friday the News received word from the Senator as follows: "I am today working on the Department to supply at an early date a large quantity of seed potatoes for your community."

The Santa Fe Railroad has also considered helping to supply the farmers with seed.

Just what action the Departments of War and Agriculture have taken in the matter of supplying seed is not known, nor has definite word been received as to what action the Santa Fe will ultimately take. However seed potatoes, at least, are now promised from other sources. Sen. Hugh Campbell will be in Williams, Friday, May 11 to look into this matter and to see that a car load of potatoes at least, is ordered. This car may be shipped to the Williams State Bank for dispensation.

Babbitts have taken the matter up also and will order a car load of potatoes to be delivered to the farmers at cost. Their announcement appears in another column.

## WANT EXPER. FARM AT RED LAKE SCHOOL

The school Board at Red Lake has asked the county Supervisors to grant them permission to move the school building to a place where land will be available for an experiment farm, and to make work on the farm a part of the regular school work. Supervisor Woolfolk has declared himself in favor of the proposal and it is anticipated that the other members of the Board will also be favorable. If established, this will be the first experiment farm of the sort in Coconino county, and its work will be watched with a great deal of interest by all interested in the work of country schools.

Red Lake is to have a summer school this year. The term will open June 4. Mr. T. H. Cureton has been engaged as instructor.

### To Los Angeles for Operation—

Mrs. Andrew Smith took Mr. Smith to Los Angeles, Wednesday. There he will undergo a serious operation on one of his knees.

## Attention, Farmers!

### DO YOU NEED SEED POTATOES

Our entire stock of mountain grown potatoes has been sold.

Those who placed their orders with us were fortunate in securing the home grown variety for one or two cents under the present market.

Arizona mountain seed is completely exhausted and cannot be had for love or money.

We are advised by the Agricultural Department that the Idaho potato is the best substitute for this altitude and soil.

In order that we may arrange for a carload shipment of Idaho seed potatoes we request all parties needing seed to notify us promptly of their requirements so that we may be able to make up a carload shipment and secure the lowest freight rate.

At the direction of our Mr. David Babbitt we shall continue to supply these potatoes for seed purposes at ABSOLUTE COST.

**BABBITTS**

Williams, Arizona